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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jim Shockley, on January 24, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Anders Blewett (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 194, 1/21/2011

Executive Action: SB 33, Tabled

HEARING ON SB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 194, Revise electoral laws in Montana.

00:00:45 Sen. Jones left the hearing

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:02 Mark Baker, Attorney, Anderson Baker & Swanson, representing himself
00:07:04 Kari Rice, Carroll College student and intern for Anderson, Baker & Swanson
00:08:52 Errol Galt
00:09:33 Bowen Greenwood, Montana Republican Party
00:10:11 Carol Williams, SD 46

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:19 Sen. Arthun
00:11:26 Sen. Balyeat entered the hearing
00:11:32 Mark Baker
00:13:04 Sen. Balyeat
00:13:41 Mark Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:44 Sen. Brenden

DISCUSSION ON SB 113

00:16:42 Chairman Shockley
00:17:51 Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
EXHIBIT(sts18a01)
00:18:18 Chairman Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 33

00:19:02 **Motion:** Sen. Arthun moved that **SB 33 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:19:26 Sen. Balyeat
00:19:49 Chairman Shockley
00:20:18 Sen. Arthun
00:20:42 Sen. Balyeat
00:23:15 Chairman Shockley
00:24:12 Sen. Mowbray

00:24:50 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by voice vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Windy Boy voting aye. Sen. Blewett and Sen. Jones voted by proxy. Without objection Sen. Balyeat moved to reverse the vote and table the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 48

00:27:41 **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **SB 48 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:27:48 Sen. Arthun
00:28:09 Sen. Balyeat
00:29:40 Sen. Jent
00:32:14 Sen. Balyeat
00:33:42 Chairman Shockley
00:35:07 Sen. Balyeat
00:35:56 Sen. Arthun
00:36:15 Chairman Shockley

00:36:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Jent and Sen. Mowbray voting no. Sen. Blewett and Sen. Jones voted by proxy. (It was decided not to report the vote out of committee until Sen. Jones' vote could be confirmed).

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(sts18a02) Letter from Sen. Lewis dated 1/12/11 requesting the committee table SB 45.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts18aad.pdf](#))